

CITIZENS DEMAND SAFEGUARDS ON THE W. & A. F. C. State Commission Gets Specified Requirements.

INSPECTION OF THE ROAD Commissioner Stuart Makes Careful Survey of Line.

WRECKED CAR IS EXAMINED

Committee Appointed to Give List of Former Orders Which Have Not Been Complied With by Railway Officials.

The Washington, Arlington and Falls Church railroad must comply with the orders issued some time ago by the state corporation commission providing for safer and better transportation facilities over its lines. Commissioner Stuart went over the road this morning with a number of persons representing the commuters' interests, and named a committee to present to him a schedule of omissions on the part of the railroad company to carry out the demands of the commission and to suggest further improvements. In Richmond in September the commissioners will meet and ascertain if the improvements have been made.

"I will notify Messrs. Moore, Zarbour and Keith, attorneys for the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church railway, that there will be a hearing in Richmond in September to hear evidence as to whether or not the former orders of the commission have been complied with, and what additional changes are necessary," said Commissioner Henry Stuart of the Virginia corporation commission after a tour of inspection over the railway this morning. He was accompanied by Crandall Mackey, commercial attorney of Alexandria county; R. C. L. Moncre, representing a number of the passengers of the car which was wrecked recently; Superintendent Garrett of the road, Pickering Dodge, D. Paul Swope, Herbert G. Hopkins, Harry A. Fellows, J. C. Plant, B. M. Davidson, Jeremiah Connelly, R. F. Crowley, A. P. Douglas, J. L. Gleason, Thomas B. Lowe, secretary to Col. Joseph E. Willard, a member of the commission; Dr. G. T. Manlin, Attorney Charles T. Hendler, Frank E. Lyon and a reporter for The Evening Star.

As the commissioner concluded his trip he stated, he appointed Messrs. Crandall Mackey, R. C. L. Moncre and Frank Lyon members of a committee to prepare for the commission a list of orders that the railway has failed to comply with. They met at once and drafted the following letter to Commissioner Stuart.

The Committee's Report.
ROSSLYN, Va., July 15, 1907.
Mr. H. C. Stuart, corporation commission, Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your request of this date that the undersigned set out in detail what changes, in addition to those provided by the commission, should be made in the conduct of the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church railway company, we have to say:

1. That the road to Rosslyn should not be discriminated against in any respect in favor of the line to 12th street. For this purpose the road to Rosslyn should be equipped with the same modern improvements, and in view of the heavy grade and sharp curves, especially with air and emergency brakes.

2. That effective means be adopted to prevent collisions at the intersection of the Myer line with the Falls Church line immediately south of Rosslyn. This may be done by providing a watchman, proper signal system, or, what is better, a double track.

3. If it be determined not to provide a through service to Rosslyn, Va., then in such event one of the double-track cars should run back forth between Rosslyn and Clarendon upon a 15-minute schedule, said car to be held not to exceed five minutes under any circumstances waiting for connection with the cars on the through or 12th street line.

4. The red and white semaphores and flags maintaining at switches except where double-track is provided.

5. That the line from West Falls Church to the Aqueduct bridge be equipped with double-track as follows:

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The company has also failed to publish its time tables.

Attorney C. I. Handler, representing a number of those who were injured in the wreck, acted with the committee in preparing the communication.

An Informal Inquiry.

The tour over the road started at 10:30 o'clock from the Virginia side of the Aqueduct bridge, shortly after the arrival of Commissioner Stuart, who was delayed in this city for about half an hour. He was greeted at the station by Attorneys Mackey and Moncre, and the other members of the party. Superintendent Garrett of the railway immediately ordered a special car for the party.

The commissioner sat in the front seat with Mr. Garrett and Attorneys Mackey and Moncre. The car was in charge of Motorman Mortimer, stated to be one of the oldest and most reliable employees of the railway, and Conductor Deussen. At the start Commissioner Stuart said that the trip was an informal investigation preliminary to any action that may be taken by the state corporation commission. He also said that it was the duty of the commission to see that all of the orders heretofore given to the railway should be carried out to the letter.

As the party traversed the line of track between the Aqueduct bridge and the scene of the recent wreck, a short distance east of Clarendon, Messrs. Mackey and Moncre set forth to the commissioner what they believed should be done by the road before and more safely serve its patrons. It was argued to the commissioner that the delays in properly equipping the railway is serving as a great destroyer of the values of property in the section traversed by the railway. To these arguments Commissioner Stuart listened attentively and said that he would require more improvements upon a road that had a track with many branches than on a straight line.

As he made this statement Attorney Mackey, pointing to the brake upon the car upon which the party was riding, said: "That brake used upon the car which was wrecked looked to me as though it might have been used in the Garden of Eden."

Saw Wrecked Car.

When the scene of the recent wreck was reached the car slowed up but did not come to a complete stop. The exact point where the wreck occurred and several other incidents relative thereto were explained to the commissioner. The car barn and repair shop of the railway was visited, and the station was reached. Mr. Jacob Gerke, chief electrician of the railway, greeted the party as the car pulled into the station and accompanied them to the car shop, where the wrecked car was minutely examined. The entire front platform of the car, with the exception of the roof, was shown to have been torn away by collision. Commissioner Stuart as well as other members of the party boarded the car and sat in it for a short time while Attorney Mackey and Moncre told him that there were at least eighty-four people upon the car at the time of the accident, when it has an actual seating capacity of thirty-four. It was explained that the conductor had rung up fifty fares.

Superintendent Garrett and Chief Electrician Gerke were especially attentive to the members of the party in answering questions. The general impression seemed to be that they were doing the best they could with the equipment they have at hand. Attorney Moncre also showed Commissioner Stuart parts of the broken car which were picked up shortly after the wreck. The commissioner examined the pieces carefully and listened with interest when the attorney declared that the wood was "too rotten" to have been used in a car for traffic purposes.

The party then proceeded to West Falls Church, where Commissioner Stuart was met over the telephone by Attorney R. Walton Moore, representing the railway company, who was then at his office in Fairfax.

Over the New Route.

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

ONE OF THE MOST NOTABLE MEETINGS HELD.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 15.—What is called by General Secretary Shaw one of the most notable meetings ever held in connection with a Christian Endeavor convention here yesterday. Hundreds of Japanese came to hear address by their own tongue on the progress of Christian Endeavor work, and America's religious songs in Japanese, and listen to the welcomes extended by American speakers.

Friendly relations between Japan and the United States were emphasized in every address. Secretary Shaw told the Japanese that the Christian Endeavor Society plans to hold its convention in Japan in a few years.

PARKER FOR SOUTHERN MAN.

Believes Democrats Would Support Candidate From That Section.

RICHMOND, Va., July 15.—Judge Alton B. Parker and his daughter, Mrs. Hall of New York, spent yesterday in the city. In the afternoon they dined with J. Alston Cabell in his home. Mr. Cabell when seen this morning by a reporter said: "Judge Parker believes firmly that the democrats of New York and the north would be glad to support a southern man for the presidency."

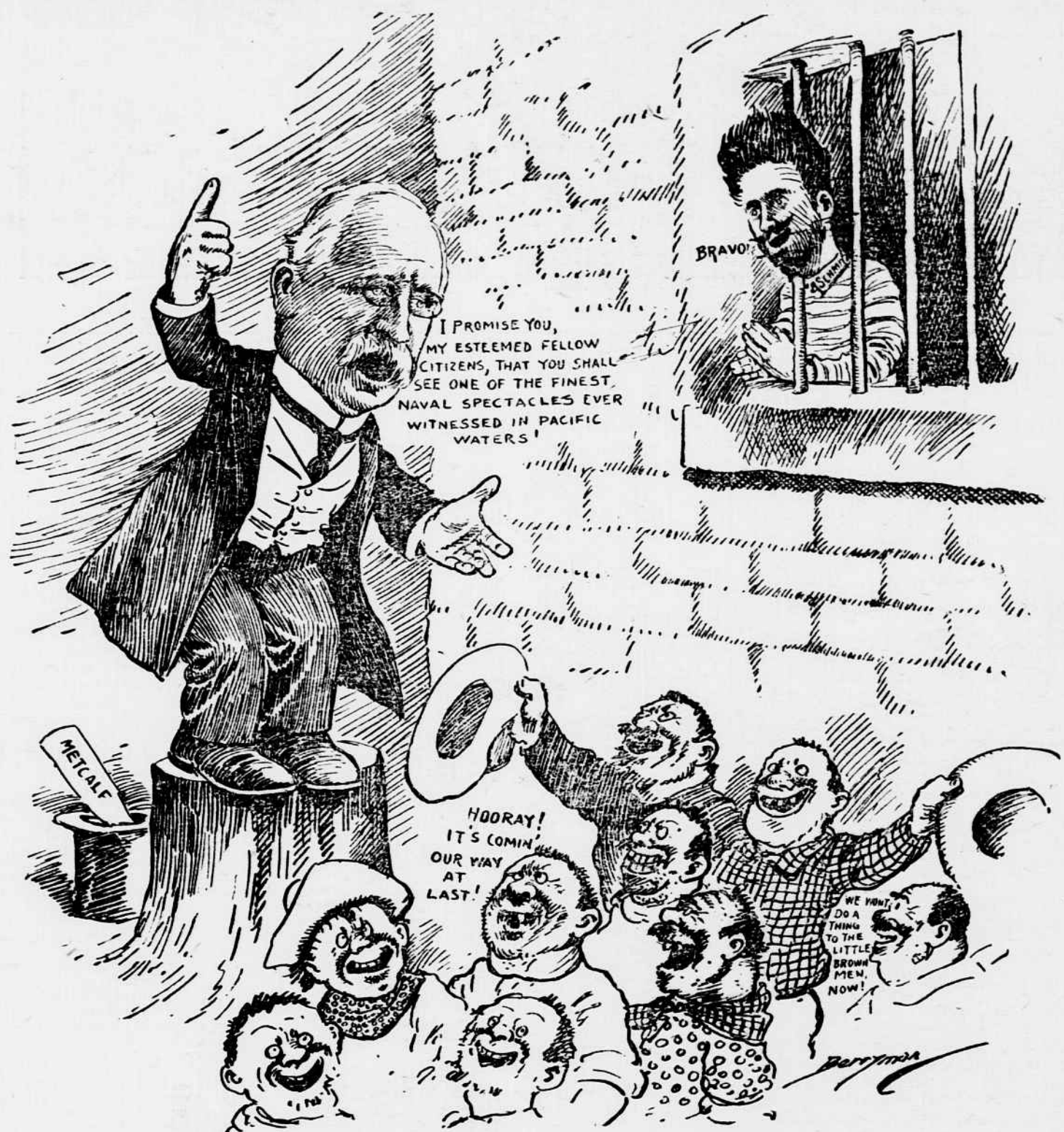
In fact, Judge Parker said that it was not only a mistake but an injustice to the democrats of the north to think that they would not support a southern man for the presidency, and that if a southern man of high character and recognized ability should be nominated he would receive the loyal and zealous support of New York democrats and would command as many votes as a candidate from any other section.

"Judge Parker was unwilling to express any choice for the nomination, or who was the most suitable man, but he did say that the south was rich in such men."

Pope Approves New Sisterhood.
ROME, July 15.—The form of organization and statutes for the Sisterhood of Negroes and Indians, organized by Miss Catherine Drexel of Philadelphia, have been approved and authorized by the pope. Miss Drexel has been in Rome for some time past working on this project.

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POURING METCALF OIL ON 'FRISCO FIRE.

GUN CHARGE EXPLODES

Seventeen Injured on the Battleship Georgia.

NO DEATHS YET REPORTED

Midshipman Cruise Believed to Be Seriously Hurt.

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KOREA IN TURMOIL

Viscount Hayashi Departs Suddenly From Tokio.

INTRIGUES OF THE EMPEROR

Palace at Seoul Said to Be Hive of Conspirators.

NEWSPAPERS DEMAND CHANGE

Cabinet Intelligent But Not Supported by People—Cling to Imperial Family From Habit.

Special Cablegram to The Star.

TOKIO, July 15.—Viscount Hayashi, minister of foreign affairs, started suddenly for Seoul this afternoon. The government has asked the newspapers not to say anything about Korean affairs.

The Emperor of Korea, since he sent on July 7 a cipher telegram to Prince Yi at the Hague, saying that he was a prisoner in his palace, has obstinately refused to receive the premier or the members of the cabinet, because both premier and cabinet are pro-Japanese.

The palace at Seoul has become a hive of conspirators. Meanwhile Prince Yi, the Japanese resident, is inactive. But this inaction on his part is said to be characteristic. Such periods are followed by cleverly conceived and rapidly executed measures. What action may be expected is not known. Both the newspapers and the parliament are urging decisive measures.

The newspapers are a unit in demanding that a person should be charged with the responsibility of the emperor. The emperor is said to be a native of the province of Manchuria, and is said to be a native of the province of Manchuria, and is said to be a native of the province of Manchuria.

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STIRRED OVER REPORT

Oyster Bay Denizens Worried Over Pigeon.

PRESIDENT'S PEACE DOVE

Bird Usually Perched on Tree at Executive's Window

FEAR JIMMIE McQUEEN SHOT IT

Church Trustees Followed Mr. McQueen's Suggestion to Rid Belfry of the Pests.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 15.—There was consternation in the village today over the report that Jimmie McQueen had shot and killed the President's dove of peace. The last seen of the bird was outside the President's study at Sagamore Hill and cooed caressingly while Mr. Roosevelt penned the peace document after his talk with Admiral Yamamoto. From there it flew back to the village and is supposed to have joined the large flock of pigeons that for the past few weeks have inhabited the belfry of St. Paul's M. E. Church, on West Main street, just opposite the White House.

The pigeons, to the number of about two hundred, have made the belfry of the church their rendezvous for the past month, much to the disgust and annoyance of the village. A week ago they became so noisy that the elders of the church turned a special meeting to devise a plan to get rid of them. Jimmie McQueen, the sexton, suggested that a pigeon shoot be arranged and the idea met with instant acceptance.

Therefore, on Saturday, several of the trustees of the church, with shotguns and pistols, went to the church to kill the pigeons. The sexton, Jimmie McQueen, was with them and he fired the first shot. He hit a pigeon and it fell to the ground. He selected one of the plumpest, a pure white bird, and announced he was going to have pigeon pie for dinner.

The sexton turned pale. "Hoot, mon," he ejaculated. "I know that that bird was no pigeon. I've think the President will mind."

"Of course, he will," replied the editor. "It means war between the United States and Japan. There can never be any peace now."

The sexton tried to keep the matter quiet, but the villagers soon learned about it, and they are anxiously awaiting to hear what the President is going to do about it. Some have suggested that it is all Secretary Lo's fault, as he should have had the bird labeled in some way.

The crowd that gathers every Sunday to see the President at Christ Church is larger this year than ever before. There has always been a group of faithful village folk who gather about the church doors to welcome their idol, but this summer it has become a fad for automobile parties to drive over from the Long Island resorts, and the line of waiting machines yesterday morning extended some distance along the street on which the church stands. The visitors waited patiently until President Roosevelt drove up in his carriage and then stood up in their machines to catch the President's eye.

From the time that his carriage comes in sight of the church until he enters the doors the President is kept busy lifting his hat and bowing right and left.

Recently a school camp of boys lined up along the drive to greet the President. Mr. Roosevelt's attention was attracted by the youngsters, and he stopped to speak to them. The report that the President might be seen close at hand and that he would be apt to stop for a few words with a likely looking lot of boys has evidently spread, for since that Sunday there is always a squad of lads waiting, caps in hand, to greet him. Yesterday it was the Grace "high camp, and the boys were not disappointed.

Mrs. Roosevelt did not accompany her husband to church yesterday morning. Miss Ethel drove down alone to teach her Sunday school class, but did not stay for the service. Theodore, Jr., who taught a class of boys last year, has not resumed his teaching.

STRIKE TENSION REACHES A CRISIS

Telegraphers to Act If Tomorrow's Conference Fails.

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Employees in That City to Be Called Out.

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SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Unless a settlement of the commercial telegraphers' strike is effected tomorrow a general strike may be declared. The request for a settlement will be in the nature of a demand, for the men feel that they have the approval of President Small as well as the individual endorsement of the membership of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union throughout the country.

The statement is made that if the national executive board should attempt to force a settlement displeasing to the strikers, President Small will call out the Chicago employees as the first move in the extension of the strike zone.

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BOMB EXPLODED IN FRONT OF AMERICAN EMBASSY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 15.—A bomb was exploded last night in front of the summer quarters of the American embassy at Yenikoi, a suburb of this city. Four girls were slightly injured. Otherwise no damage was done. The authors of the outrage have not been traced.

The acting secretary of state today received a cable message from Ambassador Lesham, confirming the press report of a bomb explosion in front of the American summer quarters of the United States embassy at Yenikoi, near Constantinople, last evening. The ambassador says that no one connected with the embassy was injured by the explosion, but several bystanders were injured, and all the windows in the building were shattered. The perpetrators escaped, and that so far the particular purpose of the act is not known.

PROHIBITION IN GEORGIA.

State Senate Passed Bill by Vote of 34 to 7.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 15.—Sattle prohibition was assured for Georgia Saturday when the senate by vote of 34 to 7 passed the Hardman-Covington bill, which forbids the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors after January 1, 1908.

The bill now goes to the house, which is overwhelmingly for prohibition, 130 of its members representing counties which, under local option, have already prohibited the sale of whisky. The bill would prohibit the sale of whisky in the state, and Smith has announced that he will sign the bill.

The whisky men gave up the fight after the action of the senate, many of them expressing surprise at the strength of sentiment manifested against whisky. The bill will only affect fifteen counties in the state, 130 counties being already dry. It will close up several large distilleries and breweries at Atlanta, Macon, Augusta, Columbus and Savannah, and state and municipal revenues will be decreased by legislation fully \$1,500,000.

FIVE JAPANESE ARRESTED.

Caught Making Their Way Across Mexican Border.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

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All of them will be sent in charge of an officer to San Francisco for deportation to Japan.

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Italian Prisoner at New Orleans Nearly Successful in Suicide.

NEW ORLEANS, July 15.—Tony Costa, one of the Italian prisoners placed today in St. Charles parish, charged with the kidnapping and murder of eight-year-old Walter Lamana, made an unsuccessful attempt to hang himself in the parish prison here today. Knitting a big pocket handkerchief around his neck, he fastened it to the grating of his cell door while on his tiptoes, and succeeded in strangling himself into unconsciousness.

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Prison officials then ordered that all of the male prisoners held in connection with the case be stripped and left nude until time to take them at Hainville.

Weather.

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